

Royal Family Described,

OR; THE

CHARACTER

OF

King JAMES I. King CHARLESI.
King CHARLES II. King JAMESII.

With Her late MAJESTY

Queen ANNE.



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TH E Royal Family of *Stuarts* was most unfortunate, and so were most Royal Families that Reign'd in *England*, and *Scotland*, and that which made them so, was their having to do with a turbulent, unconstant People, unto whom it was habitual to Slander their Kings, and to bring Lawful Authority into Contempt, by raising in the Multitude too Eager and Passionate Desires of Liberty, that in a disquiet State the most Contemptible Members of the Community may, by *Black-Art*, arise to Sovereignty, as it happen'd to *Oliver Cromwell*; By such Methods the Antient Government by Law Establish'd, they have now and then over-turn'd; and now and then likewise had the Experience of the Anger of Heaven for their Sins, in given them over to the Delusions of Men, whose debauch'd Souls left no room in them for Compassion or Moderation, but meditated Violence and Cruelty; and when arm'd with the Supream Power, they spoilt with the Lives of Men like Ravenous Beasts, That having once tasted Blood, become unsatiable, and in a Capricious Humour of Greatness, frolick'd with Mischief, until Mischief, became habitual to them, and then their pretended Sovereignty must be then Maintain'd by the same *Black Art*: It was acquir'd; For it is a certain Rule in the Politicks, that every thing must be supported by its own Principles. These are Parts of the Institutes of Tyranny which were formerly practis'd,

&is'd, and transmitted as Oracle's to an Infectious Generation, Religiously to be observ'd by such blind Tools as prefer'd Ignominious Greatness to Virtue and Innocency ; and by such likewise who corrupted with Plenty, and grown prodigal by a long Peace, became impatient of Laws, and discontented with lawful Governours and Ministers , until they had in a short time , brought themselves under the Yoak of those who had fought and attain'd to Power and Dominion (not by their Merits) but flandering Lawful Princes, whose Eminent Worth the People knew not until it was too late, and until their Ignorance made them and their Kings miserable ; and likewise until the Treasures and Ornaments of many Years Peace were wasted, and consumed in a few Years War. And the People having forgotten what Religion and Piety were, did now and then Crown their opposites with the Characters and Reward of Virtue, Goodness and Greatness, those Debaucheries of the Spirits of Men. I say introduc'd to acquire and preserve Grandeur, often survive their Authors, and like Venom infect the Blood, when the Viper is kill'd that gave the Wound. The last Century produc'd many such Woeful Instances fresh (by experience) in the Hearts and Minds of many innocent Sufferers ; and it is most certain that nothing can so strongly make an Impression as that which is made by Example, the Murther and Blood of a Just Monarch, so Contumely Spilt at his own Palace Gate, with so much Dishonour to Religion and Justice, which by cutting those Royal Veins, open'd the Sluices in Great-Britain, to let the Blood of the Royal Martyr run through every Channel, leaving a Tincture at every Bank it pass'd by, until the Guilt, like a Contagion, had spread it self all over the Nation, and the Earth no more constantly wet

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with Rains from Heaven, Then *English* and *Irish* Ground were polluted with the Blood of Innocents; then were the Eternal Rules of Right and Wrong, which Nature had imprinted upon the Minds of Men, Extirpated, and new found Priesthood, compos'd of Laymen and Women too; and new fram'd Heresies came in Fashion, and a new spiritual Liberty, proclaim'd and divided into so many Sects, that to this Day, they could not be united again into one Body, which made the Koyal Family of the *STUARTS*, and all their Adherents with Church and State sick, and most unfortunate, and are now like Waves that have been toss'd by a Tempest, find no Calm, tho' the Wind be down that first rais'd them.

Of the Royal Family of the *Stuarts*, we have had four Kings in *England*, which in all the Good Qualities requir'd in Majesty, surpass'd all their Ancestors, to wit: 1. King *James* the First for his Prudence, Conduct, Policy, and great Stock of Learning. 2. King *Charles* the First, for Piety and Virtue. 3 King *Charles* the Second, a Second *Solomon*, a Prince full of Grandeur, Wisdom and Majesty, full of Mercy, Tenderness and Compassion, full of Liberality, Hospitality and Courtesie; a Prince of Accels, free of Converse, and as free from Pride and Vanity. He was the great Balance holder of *Europe*, and prefer'd her Peace as well, and of all the Kings, Princes and Potentates, and others. King *Charles* II. was the best Accomplish'd, and the most Compleat Gentleman that ever liv'd in the Universe.

Now let us prepare, and with Regret hear the Misfortunes and Fall of the Mirrour of Princes, King *James* the Second of most blessed Memory, who of all the Monarchs that ever Reign'd at home or abroad; was a Second King *David*: and if not induc'd from his own good natural Principles, by fa-

pious Councillors, no King that ever Ascended the English Throne was better Experienc'd, or more fitly qualified to Rule ; He was the greatest Englishman that ever was born, and understood English Affairs, and lov'd his Country and Countrymen, as well to his very last ; He was a Prince very frugal of the Publick Treasure, and Liberal enough of his own. He was a great Promoter of Virtue, and as Great in the Punishment of Vice ; he never had any more from his Parliament, than the Continuation of the Standing Revenue, as in his Brother's Reign ; and when He went off, did not leave the Nation Two Penc in Debt ; He was the Best of Husbands, the Best of Fathers, the Best of Friends, the Best of Masters, and the worst Serv'd. He was the Merchant's Preserver , the Navigator's Director, and the Tradesman's Guide. He was a Husband to the Widow, a Father to the Orphan, and a Benefactor to the Poor. As for Piety, Faith, Truth and Honesty, He excell'd all the Kings on Earth. When He was in Adversity in Exile, and had not a Morsel of Bread of his own to eat ; and made High Treason at home in any of his Friends or Subjects to give him any Succour or Assistance. He never desisted praying for the Conversion of his Enemies, and was no Enemy to them himself. In his great Tribulation God gave him Grace to bear his imparall'd Sufferings, with the greatest Patience. He built his Hopes upon God alone, and fix'd his Thoughts upon the Happiness of a future State, and freely exchang'd *Three Terrestrial Crowns* for one of Glory He liv'd as he Died and died as he Liv'd, more like an Angel from God then Mortal Man ? And thus ended the Glory of the Universe of a Prince not full of Venom and Malice like others ; but like himself, went to his Eternal Rest in peace with all the World ;

World ? and if His Soul be not in Heaven Woe be unto all the Kings and Princes on Earth.

The Worth, Birth and Dignity of this Great Prince, King *James the Second* was not Consider'd tho' in the whole Course of his Life never Branded with any thing unbecoming a Prince, but what wicked Counsellors had contracted upon him, his former Commands were Despised, forgetting he was King and fell from the Dignity and Grandeur of Majesty to the lowest Miseries, and could not in his greatest Distress Command a Penny of his own Treasure, when the abject Condition of Majesty Challeng'd it, and more Compassion and Pity from Human Breasts that Scorn or Indignity. *Paulus Emilius*, when he had taken and overthrown *Perseus*, the great King of *Macedon*, Wept over the Captive King, Bewail'd his Misfortunes, Lamented his Condition, and brought his Children to behold the Spectacle? Not to Triumph over him but that they might learn from thence what was due to the Ruling Power of the World and to shew them the Vain Curiosity of Fortune and how soon that Harlot changeth her Affections and turneth her Smiles into Frowns and her Favours into the greatest Afflictions and likewise on the other hand how often the greatest Injurors were Punished by being made the very Instruments of Delivering themselves over to what they most dread to be Betide them and to what they would most avoid: Which declares the uncertainty of Human Gratness and sudden change of Conditions, and that no Man from the Prince to the Peasant, is always Armed against Misfortune or Fate.

Alexander the Great, as it's Related by *Quintus Cursus Rufus* Wept over the Mangled Dead Body of *Darius* the Great King of *Persia*, and Punished his Deserters and Murtherers with Death, and used his Queen and Daughters with Clemency, Tenderneis, and Bountv, and after the Fall of King *Darius*, thought enough for *Alexander* to be Victor, and Sole Master of *Persia*,

Persia, and not to Treat the Memory of the dead King with Indignity, or to extend Malice or Revenge to his Family after his Death : But *Alexander* was of a more Heroick Spirit, and of a most Generous Temper, as he was Great he was so Merciful, That the Royal *Persian* Family bemoaned his Fall, in a manner as much as they formerly for King *Darius* himself. Such it is to be Great, and then Liberal and Merciful ; which are such Encomiums as leaves no Blamish, but transmits to Posterity the Honour and Glory of such Heroes, whose Merits deserves to be Recorded in Gold Characters, that the Memory and Renown of such Well-Deserv rs may stand Immortal : But the Usage extended to our King *James* and his Family, is well known throughout the World abroad, and cannot be impartially Considered but with the greatest Regret at Home.

The Right of the *Stuarts* to the Crown of *England*, depends not so much upon the *Norman* Conquest, as upon their being descended from the *British* and *Saxon* Kings ; as may be seen in the Royal Tables of the Genealogies of the Kings of *Scotland*. See Bishop *Leslies*. lib. 7. Which sit *Rich. Baker* thus briefly Observes.

Edmund, Sir-Named Ironfide, (says he) had by his Wife Agatha, Sir-Named Etheling, the Rght Heir of the English Crrn, tho' be never Enjoy'd ir ; he had also two Daughters. Margaret and Christian of whom the younger became a Veiled Nun, &c. and the elder Margaret, after Sole Heir of the Saxon Monarchy, Marry'd Malcom the 3d, King of *Scotland*, which Bed, in a Lineal Descent, our High and Mighty Prince, King *James* doth in in his most Royal Person Unite the Britain Saxon, Norman and the Scottish Imperial Crowns in One. See the Chron. pag. 16. The Statute of the first of King *James* the 1st, sets forth ; The Right and Title of that King, according to the Line of Succession, by which Statute, his Royal Progeny are Recognized Kings and Queens of *England* and *Ireland* for ever ; the Line of Succession from *Edward* the 4th, down to King *James* the 2^d, runs thus ; The Right of *Edward* the 4th, descended to his Daughter *Elizabeth*, who was Marry'd to King *Henry* the 7th, by whom she had a Numerous Issue, whereof the Princess *Margaret* was the Eldest Daughter. King *Henry* the 8th succeeded his Mother Queen *Elizabeth*, who left issue, King *Edward* the 6th, Queen *Mary* and Queen *Elizabeth*, and the issue of *Henry* the 8th failing in the latter, then the Right reverted to the Issue of the Princess *Margaret* before spoke of, who was Marry'd to King *James* the 4th of *Scotland*, who left issue, K. *James* the 5th, who left Issue, *Mary Queen of Scotland* (Beheaded in *England*) who left Issue King *James* the 6th of *England*, and the 1st of *England* and left

left issue. His son King Charles the 1st, and was Succeeded by King Charles the 2^d, who Died without Issue, and was Succeeded by his Bro^t or King James the 2^d, who left Issue, two Daughters, the youngest was our Gracious Queen ANNE, by whose Majesties Accession to the Imperial Throne of Her Royal Progenitors, through Bignity of Heaven, we were made Happy as well in the return of Mercy as in the Enjoyment of Liberty, which should Establish our thankful Aquiescence to that Gracious Providence which Deliver'd us, and gave new Life, Vigour, and Motion to all the drooping Spirits in the Kingdom, under the Auspicious Reign of a most Serene, Illustrious English Born Princeis of our own Royal Blood and Family. And altho' we had rather wish for an uninterrupted Course of Flourishing Fortune, yet such could not Affect us with so great Sense of Pleasure, as that Providence which rais'd us from the utmost of Perils and Dangers, and which administer'd Occasions of Discouraging and Wondering at the Justice of the Over-ruling Power of the World, which lately shew'd the Vanity of Human Greatness, and now and then laid the Imperious, the Ambitious and the Proud in the Dust, which should likewise administer fresh Occasions to none (but those without Thoughts) to Despair, for such consider not when in Adversity, how soon the returns of Prosperity may be after the most desperate Miseries, and that there is no Condition so low (as long as Life remain) but may have Hopes.

But now to proceed to the Lineal descent of this Noble and Illustrious Family, we shall find the Virtues of the whole Race Reviving in his Present most Sacred Majesty King George, who is Legally descended and seated upon the Thrones of his Glorious Predecessors, and may justly be said and known to be of that Family, a good Tree alway brings fourth good Fruit, and such is his Lenity, Clemency, Mercy, and Goodness, that he may deservedly be call'd the Phoenix, arising from such Sacred Ashes, esteem of that sage Pious and Virtuous King James the first, Free as well from idolatry and Superstition, as from Irreligion and Prophaney a True Member and Supporter of the Pure and undefiled Church of England, for whose Preservation and the Long Life of his Majesty, let us Pray.

O God Preserve thy Church and his most Sacred Majesty King George to Maintain Support and defend Her from all the Assaults of its Enemies this we beg for Christ Jesus sake amen.

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